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SUBJECT: ADOPTIONS FROM THAILAND

1. THE NEW YORK TIMES FEBRUARY 24 RAN A HALF-PAGE FEATURE BY DAVID ANDLEMAN TITLED "TALE OF UNWANTED BABIES IN THAILAND...", DATELINED BAN CHIANG.
2. INTER ALIA, THE ARTICLE (BEING POUCHED) STATED THAT "THE AMERICAN CONSULATE HERE (SIC.) HAS PREPARED A MIMEOGRAPHED LIST OF SEVEN HOSPITALS AND ORPHANAGES THAT ARE CONSIDERED REPUTABLE AND THAT HAVE LARGE NUMBERS OF BABIES AVAILABLE."
3. EA/TB ORDINARILY RECEIVES A SMATTERING OF INQUIRIES CONCERNING ADOPTION PROCEDURES AND HAS GENERALLY RESPONDED BY PROVIDING THAI ATTORNEYS LISTS AND GENERAL GUIDANCE.
4. SINCE WE ANTICIPATE THAT THIS PUBLICITY MAY GENERATE A FLURRY OF INQUIRIES, EA/TB WOULD APPRECIATE POUCHED COPIES OF HOSPITAL-ORPHANAGE LIST, IF SUCH, IN FACT, EXISTS. KISSINGER

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